# **CDFW San Joaquin Kit Fox Poster Contest**

# **REGISTRATION FORM**

Please print, fill out and attach this registration form with your poster.
Poster Name:
Student Name:
Address:
City/State/Zip:
Phone:
Email:
School:
School Grade:
By signing below, I certify that I have read and agree to abide by the contest rules and guidelines:
Signature:Date:
f you are under 18, please have your parent or guardian consent to your participation.
Parent/Guardian Signature:Date:Date:
Name (please print):

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#### Final Submission/Due Date

Wednesday, May 8 – The posters will be picked up on Thursday, May 9 by a CDFW representative.

#### Winners Announced

Monday, May 20 (dates subject to change on CDFW staff availability)

## Eligibility

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife is opening up a San Joaquin kit fox poster contest to selected students in the Bakersfield school district. There is no fee to enter.

The contest is only open to students at the selected schools below:

High schools: North, South, West, Ridgeview, Liberty, Frontier and Bakersfield

Elementary: Thorner

#### 2013 Contest Theme

"Saving the San Joaquin kit fox"

## About the San Joaquin kit fox

Compact and shy, the San Joaquin kit fox is so limited in numbers that it is listed as one of California's endangered animals. At five pounds, they are the size of a housecat, with big ears and a long bushy tail. Primarily hunters of rodents, rabbits and insects, these foxes do not need a real source of water since they get much of their fluid requirements from the meals they consume.

Kit foxes were relatively common until the 1930s when native grasslands were converted to farms, orchards and cities. Current efforts to encourage population recovery include conservation plans, restoration of native habitats and protection of existing occupied habitat.

### Categories

Elementary classes:

· Winning class receives a pizza party

#### High Schools:

- First place \$500
- Second place \$250
- Third fifth place \$50 each

#### Contest Rules

- Any media may be used to create a flat or two-dimensional effect. This includes paint, crayon, colored pencil, charcoal, stickers, paper or other materials on regular posters.
- Posters must not exceed 22" x 28" meaning: any size up to 22" x 28".

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- Posters must be created by an individual student for high school entries.
- Elementary submissions will be judged either as individual students or as an entire class, depending upon the number of entries.
- All submissions will become property of CDFW.
- Each entry must have signed entry form to be eligible for judging.
- Although younger students will most likely receive help in planning from parents or teachers, CDFW encourages each student to do as much of the work as possible by him/herself.
- Text must be used. A minimum of ten words.
- CDFW encourages student NOT to go out and try to photograph San Joaquin kit foxes.

## **Judging Information**

- Execution of the San Joaquin Fit Fox "Keep Me Wild" messages ( see below).
- Creativity/Originality/Quality of artwork.
- Use of photography is permitted but extra credit will be given to original artwork.
- A minimum of three judges will be used for the contest and will include representatives from CDFW, participating sponsors and possibly other parties.
- Winners will be announced at the winning high schools and at Thorner elementary (please see dates above).
- Posters will be picked up from the schools on May 9 and delivered to the CDFW Fresno office for judging.

#### Key Points to Cover

- Never feed a kit fox either intentionally by attracting them with food, or unintentionally by leaving pet food or trash out, and/or using rodent poisons.
- Always clip up or remove sports nets at schools and recreation areas.
- Never touch or attempt to touch a San Joaquin kit fox.
- Never fill or destroy a burrow kit foxes are protected by both federal and state laws.

# Judging Criteria

- Key Messages Used 50 percent
- Originality 20 percent
- Visual Effectiveness 20 percent
- Universal Appeal 10 percent

#### Resources

- "Keep Me Wild" materials www.dfg.ca.gov/keepmewild/kitfox.html
- Defenders of Wildlife www.defenders.org/san-joaquin-kit-fox/basic-facts
- Images for reference http://tinyurl.com/c7umpwr